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No. 10/323,754, filed December 20, 2002, which	)	
is a Division of U.S. Patent Application	:	
No. 10/178,229, filed June 25, 2002, now	)	
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which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent	)	
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING LIFE	:	
OF IMAGE BEARING MEMBER,	)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND	:	
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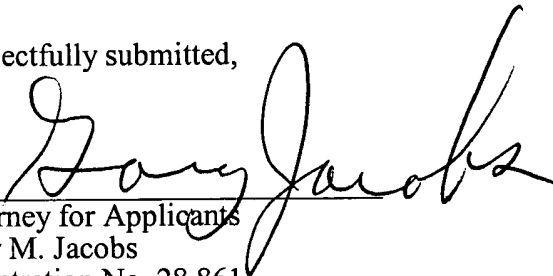
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in great-grandparent Application No. 09/879,184, filed June 13, 2001, in grandparent Application No. 10/178,229, filed June 25, 2002, and in parent Application No. 10/323,754, filed December 20, 2002. Therefore copies are not being provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

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